

ALAN KOEPPPEL,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) No. 1:18 CV 90 RWS
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NANCY A. BERRYHILL,)
Acting Commissioner of)
Social Security,)
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Defendant.)

Plaintiff prevailed on his appeal for judicial review of an adverse decision of the Social Security Administration and now requests attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) in the amount of \$4,347.50. The Commissioner does not object to plaintiff's request for fees and asks that I order payment in the amount requested. I will grant the request.

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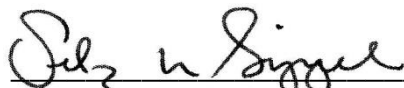
2412(d). The Commissioner does not oppose plaintiff's motion but requests that any award be made payable in accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). Upon review of plaintiff's motion and the Commissioner's response, I find the requested fees and the Commissioner's requested terms of payment to be reasonable.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act [16] is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), plaintiff shall recover attorney's fees from the Social Security Administration in the amount of \$4,347.50.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, under the terms of the Contract and Assignment of EAJA attorney's fees executed by the plaintiff in this case (*see* ECF #16 at 7), the award shall be made payable to attorney Michael Moroni unless plaintiff has a pre-existing debt owed to the United States, in which case the award shall be made payable to the plaintiff and subject to offset to satisfy that debt.



RODNEY W. SIPPEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 4th day of February, 2019.